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FOR: PARTIAL OR COMPLETE UTILIZATION OF: Art Unit: 3726
A PRESSURIZED-GAS CYLINDER KNOWN
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OR DISSOLVED GASES

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

Reconsideration is requested of the Office Action dated December 31, 2003 for the following.

The present invention relates to the utilization of a pre-existing, pre-formed, secondhand, pressurized gas cylinder for compressed liquified or dissolved gases wherein use is made of this pre-existing gas cylinder as a liner or a composite gas cylinder for a higher filling pressure. It is emphasized that the liner itself had previously had utility as a pressurized gas cylinder intended, for example, for lower filling pressures. By the practice of the invention such prior pre-existing cylinders are reused rather than being scrapped or thrown out. This has the significant advantage of